

STEWART BROWNE FORCIBLY EJECTED BY ESTIMATE BOARD

But Real Estate Board Head
Serves Paper on Comptroller
Craig.

Stewart Browne, famous as the man who can hold up a \$350,000,000 budget with a scrap of paper known as a mandamus, was escorted from to-day's meeting of the Board of Estimate by Patrolman Michael Cox while several members of the board and not a few of the grinning audience drummed the slow measure of a well known funeral march. The exit was the denouement of a three-act comedy-drama in which Comptroller Craig, Acting Mayor Hultbert, and Browne were the principal actors. The plot revolved dizzily about a mysterious paper.

The meeting had just started when Browne, pale and excited, made his way into the press "well" and slid a very important looking legal document toward Comptroller Craig. The Comptroller pushed back the paper. Then the paper slid back and forth in ping-pong fashion between the Comptroller and Browne, the former telling the latter that there was a time and place for everything.

Browne said he was determined to "serve the paper and did," and left the room with shoulders squared and a defiant toss of his head.

Patrolman Cox, on duty in the lower corridor of City Hall, says he saw Browne and a Board of Estimate messenger in an altercation on the stairs. The messenger told Cox Browne was wanted by Comptroller Craig. Cox accompanied Browne, who, he says, agreed to return.

When Browne was brought before the bar of the Estimate Board Comptroller Craig suggested that he be arraigned before the Acting Mayor in that official capacity as a Magistrate and charged with disorderly conduct. "That is out of order," said Brooklyn Borough President Riegmann. "Instead I move that Mr. Browne be escorted out in state—by a cop."

Patrolman Cox, very military in bearing, escorted Browne out.

"Do you know what's in the paper?" the Comptroller was asked. "What paper?" he replied. "If Acting Mayor Hultbert had gone through with the plan to try Browne for disorderly conduct," said Comptroller Craig after the meeting, "Browne might have been in jail by this time and unable to pester the Board of Estimate. Browne will make a public nuisance of himself at Estimate Board Meetings once too often."

Mr. Browne later announced his intention of instituting suit against Mr. Craig.

"Comptroller Craig technically had me under arrest for five minutes," said Browne, "and Acting Mayor Hultbert wouldn't stand for his act. I'm going to take that fellow to court on some charge. I don't know what I'll charge him with, but something has to be done with him because of the way he's behaving."

Mr. Browne said that it was practically impossible to gain access to the Comptroller at his office and he had to resort to serving him at the board meeting. He explained the papers were certified copies of the court of Appeals decision ordering the renaking of the 1922 budget to include pension allowances of firemen, police and teachers. What became of the papers Browne said he didn't know, but he claimed the Comptroller had been legally served.

RADIO AMATEURS MAY BE GRADED BY O. S.

Department of Commerce now
Considering a New System.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A system of grading amateur radio operators so that the more proficient may be accorded greater privileges, is under consideration by the Department of Commerce. W. D. Terrell, Chief Radio Inspector for the department, said to-day at the annual convention of amateur radio operators of the districts comprising the Atlantic Coast States from Pennsylvania to Florida.

Hiram P. Maxim, President of the American Radio Relay League, presided for the greater part of the day was given over to the presentation of technical papers.

TUGS HASTEN TO SHIP WITHOUT FUEL OR FOOD

The West Carlinas Reported
Adrift Off Nantucket Lightship.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Two Shipping Board tugs, the Barrerfork and the Bumaconna, were ordered to proceed from New York to the assistance of the steamship West Carlinas, reported adrift with fuel and food exhausted about 230 miles from Nantucket Lightship.

The West Edara, also a Shipping Board vessel, reported by wireless that she was hastening to the West Carlinas's aid.

MORE SERVICE ON FOURTH AND MADISON AVENUES.

The New York and Harlem Railroad Company, which operates the Fourth and Madison Avenue line, has added several cars to its rush hour schedule, according to checks made by inspectors of the Transit Commission. During the recent investigation into the transit situation, testimony indicated the line was not giving sufficient service during rush hours.

DISAPPEARS ON SHIP FROM NEW YORK TO NAPLES.

NAPLES, Feb. 17.—Rosario Callo, 49-year-old Neapolitan, disappeared from the Steamship America during its voyage from New York. It was reported on the steamer's arrival here to-day.

BUCKET SHOPS LOOT UPWARD OF \$2,000,000,000 A YEAR

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in Chicago.

From \$500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 is stolen annually from the pockets of the American public by confidence men and fraudulent brokerage houses an official of the New York Stock Exchange estimated to-day. The estimate is based on figures from reports of the Federal Trade Board.

Most of this sum comes from the poor or from those who have accumulated a few thousand dollars. Both of these classes are the most easily gulled by smooth talk and dreams of easy winnings that will make them independent for life.

A fever of speculation has brought about an increase in fraudulent deals as shown by these developments of the past few weeks.

Nineteen persons have been indicted in New York on charge of conducting bucket shops, and more indictments are expected shortly.

BANKRUPTCY REFEREE FOR MCMASTERS & CO.

Firm Was Expelled Yesterday
From Consolidated Exchange.

Judge Learned Hand at the opening of the United States District Court to-day appointed Robert P. Stephenson,

formerly an Assistant United States Attorney, as referee in bankruptcy for the firm of R. H. McMasters & Co., No. 52 Broad Street. The petition in bankruptcy was filed by six former employees of the firm, who claimed \$240 in salaries due and unpaid. They asserted the firm owed \$700,000 and had assets of only \$30,000, for the most part in uncollected accounts. The members of the firm named in the petition are Roy H. McMasters and James A. Corcoran.

The McMasters firm was expelled from the Consolidated Exchange yesterday when an announcement by W. S. Silkworth, President, that the expul-

sion was the first step of a general housecleaning of its membership. After a conference at the firm's office, Mr. Stephenson said that he would be unable to make any statement as to its financial condition until he received the reports of the accountants McMasters & Co. had branches of offices in Chicago, Milwaukee, New Haven, Richmond, Va., Petersburg, Va., and Pittsburgh.

BUFFALO COURT KILLS BUILDING INDICTMENTS

Justice Pooley Declares Donnelly
Law Unconstitutional.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—Justice Pooley handed down to-day a formal order overruling a demurrer of District Attorney Moore and declaring unconstitutional the Donnelly Law, under which indictments were obtained against building supply merchants, following the Lockwood investigation here.

Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Special Deputy Attorney General, who assisted District Attorney Moore in the investigation, said: "We will press an appeal at once. It will be presented to the Appellate Division in Rochester in March and, regardless of the ruling of that court, it will be carried on to the Court of Appeals in Albany in April."

CRAIG AND COLLINS WORK TOGETHER, BUT THEY'RE NEW YORKERS

A Craig and Collins sat in perfect harmony at to-day's otherwise very discordant meeting of the Board of Estimate. When Murray Hultbert moved up to the post of Acting Mayor because of the absence of Mayor Hylan, who is in Palm Beach, William T. Collins, Tammany whip of the Board of Aldermen and Vice Chairman of that body, became Acting Aldermanic President. As such he sat at to-day's Estimate Board meeting. He and Craig got along very well from start to finish. "Would that the Craigs and the Collinses got along as well on the other side of the water," observed a member of the board.

GERMANY MAKES FOURTH PAYMENT OF 31,000,000 GOLD MARKS

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The German Government to-day advised the Allied Reparations Commission that the fourth ten-day payment of 31,000,000 gold marks was made this morning to banks designated by the Guarantees Committee. This payment is in accordance with the temporary schedule adopted recently by the Reparations Commission at Cannes.

R. R. WAGE PARLEY NEAR AGREEMENT

Possibility of Deadlock Between 32
Roads and Workers Said to
Be Fading.

An amicable understanding will be the outcome of the wage parley at the Grand Central Terminal between representatives of fifty-two Eastern railroads and delegates from the "Conductors" and Trainmen's Brotherhoods. This was the inference drawn from the friendly discussion at to-day's session. The possibility of a deadlock and reference of the matter to the United States Labor Board at Chicago was said to be fading.

Definite information of developments was refused by Vice President P. E. Crowley of the New York Central and by President L. E. Sheppard of the Conductors' and President W. G. Lee of the Trainmen's Brotherhoods.

The railroads seek a return to the wage scale current in 1920, when the Labor Board awarded the men a 22 per cent. increase, 12 per cent. of which has since been cut off. The men ask the restoration of the full 22 per cent.

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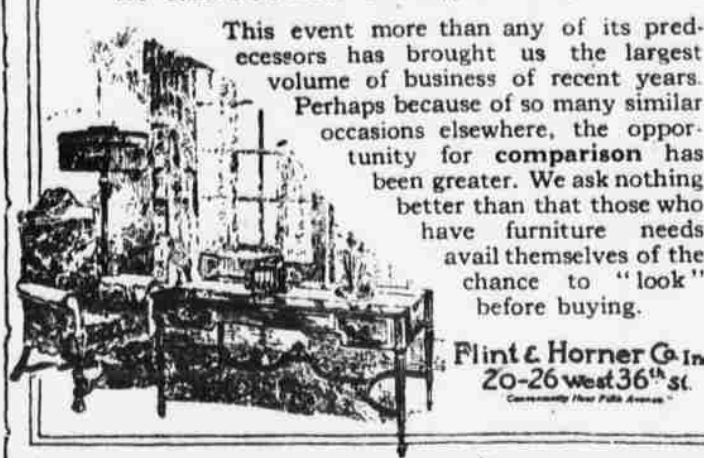
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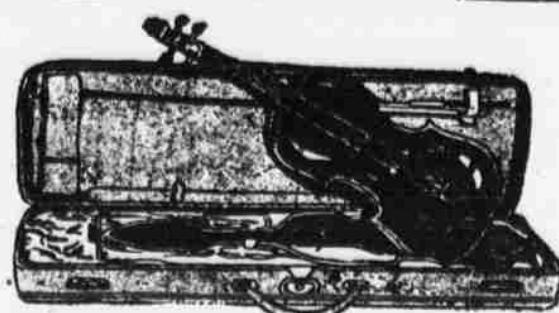
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FEDERAL AID TO TRADE.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Financial assistance aggregating \$263,136,000 has been given by the War Finance Corporation to American exporters and farm-

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